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SUBJECT: PLO REPRESENTATION IN LONDON

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DURING CONVERSATION ON JANUARY 17, TOMKYS IN FCO TOLD EMBOFF THAT FCO HAS NO FURTHER INFO ON IDENTITY OF KILLER OF PLO REP SAID HAMMAMI OTHER THAN THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL. EMBOFF NOTED THAT NABIL RAMLAWI HAS INFORMED THE PRESS THAT HE WILL STAY IN IN LONDON FOR A WHILE TO HELP STRAIGHTEN OUT THE AFFAIRS OF THE PLO OFFICE HERE. AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN. TOMKYS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT THE FCO POLICY STANDS, THAT THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICER IN THE FCO TO WHOM PLO REPS CAN TALK IS ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY LEVEL (I.E., MICHAEL WEIR). FCO DESK OFFICER LATER INFORMED EMBOFF THAT RAMLAWI HAD BEEN GRANTED A CONFIDENTIAL

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VISITOR'S VISA OR ITS EQUIVALENT BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, AND THAT IF HE STAYS MORE THAN THE FEW MONTHS ALLOWED BY SUCH A VISA, HMG WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO GIVE HIM A WORK PERMIT (WHICH HAMMAMI HAD) ALLOWING HIM TO REMAIN IN THE UK. BREWSTER. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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